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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

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27 MARCH 1974

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: NATO AHG MET ON 27 MARCH 1974 TO CONSIDER FUTURE WORK FOR THE AHG DRAFTING GROUP AND TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE REPORT ON THE INFORMAL SESSION WITH THE EAST ON 25 MARCH 1974. A DECISION WAS REACHED TO ESTABLISH TWO DRAFTING GROUPS WITHIN THE AHG TO HANDLE THE INCREASED DRAFTING WORKLOAD ANTICIPATED PRIOR TO THE EASTER RECESS.
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2. US REP PROVIDED BACKGROUND TO THE OTHER AHG REPS ON THE RECENT US/UK/FRG TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON UTILIZING RECENTLY RECEIVED USG GUIDANCE. ALLIED REPS SEEMED GENERALLY STAISFIED WITH THIS BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

3. THE AHG APPROVED THE DRAFT PLENARY STATEMENT ON STABILIZING MEASURES TO BE PRESENTED BY THE US REP AT THE PLENARY SESSION ON 28 MARCH.

4. DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT OF THE INFORMAL SESSION WITH THE EAST ON 25 MARCH WAS COMPLETED AT THIS AHG MEETING. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE CURRENTLY AGREED SCHEDULE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST CALLED FOR ONE MORE INFORMAL SESSION BEFORE THE EASTER RECESS, ON 1 APRIL. AHG AGREED TO STRESS WESTERN PERCEPTIONS OF COMMON GROUND FOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST IN THE NEXT INFORMAL SESSION WITH THE EAST AND TO COUNTER EASTERN ON SYMBOLIC REDUCTIONS PROPOSAL.

5. IN CONSIDERING THE REPORT OF THE 25 MARCH INFORMAL SESSION WITH THE EAST, THE FRG AND UK REPS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT NO IMPLICATION BE GIVEN TO THE EAST THAT EXTENSION OF PHASE I STABILIZING MEASURES TO NON-US GROUND FORCES WAS ACCEPTABLE. THE NETHERLANDS AND CANADIAN REPS DISSENTED ON THIS VIEW, ARGUING THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE APPLICABILITY OF PHASE I MEASURES TO NON-US FORCES SHOULD BE PROPOSED TO THE NAC FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION. NETHERLANDS REP ADDED THAT SUCH A CONCESSION COULD BE USED AS A POSSIBLE TRADE FOR EASTERN ACCEPTANCE OF US/SOVIET GROUND FORCE REDUC-TIONS IN PHASE I.

6. A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE ANOMALIES INHERENT IN TABULATING AIR, GROUND AND GROUND AIR DEFENSE FORCE PERSONNEL ON BOTH SIDES ALSO ENSUED DURING REVIEW OF THE REPORT ON THE 25 MARCH INFORMAL SESSION WITH THE EAST. GENERAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO

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REQUEST THE MILITARY DATA SUB-GROUP OF THE AHG TO LIST QUANTITATIVELY BY NATION AND UNIFORMED SERVICE THESE TABULATION ANOMALIES FOR REVIEW AND POSSIBLE DECISION BY THE AHG AS TO AN APPROACH TO DISCUSSING DATA FORMULATION WITH EASTERN REPS.

7. NEXT AHG MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 28 MARCH 1974.
END SUMMARY.

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8. ESTABLISHMENT OF PARALLEL DRAFTINGS GROUPS
THE CHAIRMAN AD HOC GROUP (US) OPENED THE AD HOC GROUP MEETING BY ASKING IF ANY REPRESENTATIVES HAD BILATERAL CONTACTS TO REPORT. THERE WERE NONE. THE FRG REP (BEHRENDS) SUGGESTED THAT THIS IS PERHAPS DUE TO THE INCREASING WORK LOAD AS THE EASTER RECESS APPROACHED. GROUP AGREED.

9. THE AHG CHAIRMAN THEN TURNED TO THE NEWS MEDIA REPORTS OF THE RECENT KISSINGER TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FRG AND UK IN WASHINGTON. THE CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THE UK AND FRG HAD INDIVIDUALLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A CONFERENCE WITH THE US. AND THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WERE INVITED TO THE US. THIS TRILATERAL CONSULTATION INCLUDED NUCLEAR ISSUES IN MBFR. THE TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WERE EXPLORATORY IN NATURE AND NO DECISIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN. THE AHG CHAIRMAN EMPHASIZED THAT ALL INVOLVED IN THE TRILATERAL CONSULTATION CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE NAC WAS THE DECISION-MAKING BODY FOR ALLIANCE POSITIONS ON MBFR. THE CANADIAN REP THANKED THE AHG CHAIRMAN FOR THIS CLARIFICATION ON THE TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. IN THE GENERAL CONTEXT OF NEWS MEDIA STATEMENTS, THE CANADIAN REP ADDED THAT HE FULLY SUPPORTED THE POSITION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN BY THE UK REPRESENTATIVE AS REGARDS STATEMENT BY VICE PRESIDENT FORD AND SUPPORTED BY THE AHG THAT THE UK REP SHOULD STRESS ALLIED COHESION IN DISCUSSING MBFR MATTERS WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REUTERS NEWS AGENCY. GREEK REP THEN ASKED THE AHG CHAIRMAN IF HE ANTICIPATED THAT A SUMMARY OF THE RECENT TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE PROVIDED TO ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES IN VIENNA OR TO REPRESENTATIVES IN THE
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NAC. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AHG NOTED THAT THE TRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS HAD BEEN EXPLORATORY IN NATURE, THAT NO DECISIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN, AND THAT BECAUSE OF THIS NO SUMMARY WOULD BE PUBLISHED. RESPONDING TO THE PREVIOUS STATEMENT BY THE CANADIAN REP, THE UK REP STATED THAT HE HAD INDEED STRESSED ALLIED COHESION IN MBFR MATTERS IN HIS RECENT DISCUSSION WITH REUTERS REPRESENTATIVES. THE UK REP NOTED THAT THIS DISCUSSION HAD APPEARED IN VARIOUS UK NEWS SOURCES AND HAD BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO NATO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN VIENNA.

10. AHG COSIDERATION OF THE NATO DRAFT PLENARY STATEMENT ON STABILIZING MEASURES. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AHG ASKED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DRAFTING GOUP, THE ITALIAN

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DEP REP (TALIANI) TO REPORT ON THE DRAFT PLENARY
STATEMENT ON STABILIZING MEASURES FOR THE NEXT PLENARY
SESSION. THE ITALIAN DEP REP NOTED AN ADDITION TABLED
BY THE US DELEGATION AT THE PRESENT AHG MEETING TO
RESPOND TO REMARKS BY HE SOVIET REP (KHLESTOV) AT
THE LAST INFORMAL SESSION WITH THE EAST. HE STATED
THAT THE AHG DRAFTING GROUP FULLY SUPPORTED THE CURRENT
DRAFT PLENARY STATEMENT ON STABILIZING MEASURES.

11. THE US DEP REP (DEAN) NOTED THAT THE TWO PARA-
GRAPHS CONTAINED IN THE ADDITION TO THE DRAFT PLENARY

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STATEMENT RECOMMENDED BY THE US DELEGATION CONTAINED
RATIONALE FOR LIMITING STABILIZING MEASURES FOR

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PHASE I TO US AND SOVIET FORCES AND SUPPORTING ARGU-
MENTATION FOR THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE RECOMMENDED
STABILIZING MEASURES TO UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR ALL
PARTICIPANTS. THE US DEP REP RECOMMENDED MINOR EDITO-
RIAL CHANGES TO THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT PLENARY STATEMENT
FOR CLARITY AND STRENGTHENING OF ARGUMENTATION. THE
UK REP STATED THAT REFERENCES IN THE US PROPOSED
ADDITION TO THE DRAFT PLENARY STATEMENT DEALING WITH
THE THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY OF STABILIZING MEASURES IN
PHASE II SHOULD BE DELETED AS IT WAS NOT APPROPRIATE
TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE WITH THE EAST AT THIS TIME. ALL
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AGREED. THE REMAINDER OF THE ADDITION TO THE DRAFT
PLENARY STATEMENT RECOMMENDED BY THE US DELEGATION WAS
APPROVED BY THE AHG.

12. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AHG RECOMMENDED THAT THE
MEMBERS NOW TURN TO THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT PLENARY
STATEMENT ON STABILIZING MEASURES. THE UK REP RECOM-
MENDED A CHANGE TO THE TEXT WHICH WOULD INCREASE
EMPHASIS ON THE FACT THAT THE STABILIZING MEASURES
PROPOSED BY NATO TO THE EAST WERE INTENDED TO APPLY
ONLY TO THE FIRST PHASE OF REDUCTIONS. THIS CHANGE
WAS APPROVED BY THE AHG.

13. THE REMAINDER OF THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT PLENARY
STATEMENT ON STABILIZING MEASURES, INCLUDING THE
ADDITION PROPOSED BY THE US DELEGATION, AS MODIFIED
BY THE AHG, WAS APPROVED.

14. FURTHER AHG CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE
INFORMAL SESSION WITH THE EAST ON MARCH 25,1974. THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE AHG ASKED THE MEMBERS IF THERE WAS ANY
FURTHER COMMENT ON THE REPORT OF THE MARCH 25 INFORMAL
SESSION WITH THE EAST. THE UK REP ASKED FOR CLARIFICA-
TION AS TO WHAT WAS NOW AGREED WITH THE EAST IN TERMS
OF MEETING DATES AND AGENDA FOR SUBSEQUENT INFORMAL
SESSIONS. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AHG STATED THAT, AS
INDICATED IN THE REPORT, AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED
FOR A MEETING ON APRIL 1. HE NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS
DID NOT WANT TO MEET ON APRIL 8, AS PRPOSED BY ALLIED
REPS, APPARENTLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE SOVIETS
WISHED TO DEPART VIENNA IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE LAST
FOOMAL SESSION ON APRIL 9. THE AHG CHAIRMAN
FURTHER NOTED THAT AN APRIL 5 INFORMAL SESSION AS
RECOMMENDED BY THE EAST, WOULD NOT BE A GOOD DATE FOR
THE US REP DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE US REP WOULD BE
IN BRUSSELS ON THAT DATE REPORTING TO THE NAC. THE
AHG CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE WEST NOT PRESS FOR

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ANOTHER INFORMAL SESSION AFTER THE NEXT SESSION ON
APRIL 1 UNLESS NEW ITEMS OF SUBSTANCE AROSE IN THE
APRIL 1 SESSION. AS FOR THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT
INFORMAL SESSION WITH THE EAST, THE AHG CHAIRMAN NOTED
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THAT THE TWO TOPICS AGREED FOR DISCUSSION WOULD BE THE
PHASE I US/SOVIET REDUCTIONS PROPOSED BY THE WEST AND
THE EAST'S PROPOSED SYMBOLIC REDUCTIONS. GROUP AGREED.

15. THE ITALIAN REP (CAGIATI) ASKED IF THE WEST SHOULD
NOT IN THE NEXT INFORMAL SESSION WITH THEEAST STRESS
THE WEST'S INTERPRETATION OF POINTS OF COMMON GROUND
OR APPARENT AGREEMENT AS THE SOVIETS HAD DONE IN THE
LAST INFORMAL SESSION. THE AHG CHAIRMAN AGREED THAT
THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA, AND THE AHG AGREED TO INCLUDE
THIS COMMON GROUND ARGUMENTATION IN THE INTRODUCTORY
SEGMENT OF THE SPEAKING NOTES FOR THE NATO REPS FOR THE
NEXT INFORMAL SESSION WITH THE EAST. THE UK REP ADDED
THAT IN THESE SPEAKING NOTES THE WEST SHOULD MAKE CLEAR
THAT THE WEST DID NOT FIND COMMON GROUND WITH THE EAST
ON THE CONCEPT OF SYMBOLIC REDUCTIONS. THE UK REP
NOTED THE REPORT (SEE REPORT OF MARCH 26 AHG MEETING)
OF THE BELGIAN REP ON THE BILATERAL CONTACT WITH SOVIET
AMBASSADOR IN BRUSSELS, IN WHICH THE SOVIET REPS HAD
ALLEGED THAT THE EAST AND WEST WERE APPROACHING COMMON
GROUND ON SYMBOLIC REDUCTIONS. THE UK REP STRESSED
THAT THE WEST MUST AVOID ANY IMPLICATION OF ACCEPTING
THE CONCEPT OF SYMBOLIC REDUCTIONS. THE ITALIAN REP
SUPPORTED THE UK ON THE POINT THAT SYMBOLIC REDUCTIONS
SHOULD BE REJECTED.

16. SACEUR REP (GRIFFIN) ASKED IF DURING THIS LAST
INFORMAL SESSION THE SOVIET REP HAD INDEED ASKED THE
US IF IT MIGHT REDUCE ITS AIRCRAFT COMMITTMENT TO
QUCK REACTION ALERT IN THE CONTEXT OF SOVIET
ACCEPTANCE OF STABILIZING MEASURES. THE AHG
CHAIRMAN ANSWERED THAT THE SOV REP HAD ASKED THIS
QUESTION IN AN OBLIQUE WAY BUT HAD BEEN TOLD THAT
THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN US QUICK REACTION
ALERT COMMITTMENTS AND STABILIZING MEASURES.

17. THE NETHERLANDS REP (QUARLES) STATED THAT
THE WEST WOULD PROBABLY NEED TO PREPARE ANSWERS
TO THE QUESTIONS ASKED BY THE SOVIET REPS AT THE
LAST INFORMAL SESSION, FOR EXAMPLE THE QUESTION
ABOUT QUICK REACTION ALERT, FOR SPEAKING POINTS FOR
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ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE NEXT INFORMAL SESSION. THE NETHERLANDS REP STRESSED THAT THE POINT SHOULD BE BROUGHT HOME TO THE SOVIET REPS THAT THE MENTION BY THE SOVIETS OF QUICK REACTION ALERT COMMITTMENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF STABILIZING MEASURE WAS COMPLETELY BESIDE THE POINT. THE AHG CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THE WEST HAD A PREPARED AND APPROVED ANSWER ON QUICK REACTION ALERT IN THE EVENT THE SOVIETS RETURNED TO THIS POINT IN THE NEXT INFORMAL SESSION. AS A POINT OF CLARIFICATION, THE UK REP ASKED IF THE SOVIETS IN FACT HAD AN EQUIVALENT OF QUICK REACTION ALERT IN THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA. THE SACEUR REP STATED THAT INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT WAS REALLY NOT DEFINITIVE. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT QUICK REACTION ALERT IS A DEFENSIVE POSTURE WHICH WOULD BE CONTINGENT UPON A PERCEPTION AS TO WHICH SIDE MIGHT INITIATE A CONFLICT, AND SO MIGHT NOT BE PERCEIVED AS AN OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT BY THE SOVIETS.

18. THE AHG CHAIRMAN ASKED THE OSD REP TO COMMENT ON THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE SOVIET QUICK REACTION ALERT. THE OSD REP STATED THAT THE NUMBER OF SOVIET NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPLOYED FORWARD IN EASTERN EUROPE WAS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THAT IN NATO. HE STATED THAT SOVIET AIR FORCE UNITS IN THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA PROBABLY DID HAVE SOME SORT OF ALERTING SYSTEM FOR NUCLEAR STRIKES. HOWEVER, THIS SYSTEM WAS NOT NEARLY AS ORGANIZED AND STRUCTURED AS THAT OF NATO AIR FORCES. THE OSD REP FURHER NOTED THAT THE MAIN ELEMENT OF THE SOVIET THEATER NUCLEAR STRIKE FORCE WAS NOT DEPLOYED FORWARD. THIS ELEMENT, SOVIET MR/ IRBM'S AND MEDIUM BOMBERS, WAS LOCATED IN THE WESTERN DISTRICTS OF THE USSR. THE OSD REP CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS ESSENTIALL NO FEW QUICK REACTION ALERT CONCEPT IN EFFECT FOR SOVIET UNITS DEPLOYED FORWARD IN THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA.

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19. THE NETHERLANDS REP WONDERED WITH REGARD TO THE KHLESTOV QUESTION ON GROUND AND AIR FORCE PERSONNEL DATA WHAT THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE WAS REALLY AFTER. WAS HE ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE THE INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING REDUCTION? THE NETHERLANDS REP NOTED THAT INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT MIGHT WELL SUBMERGE THE GROUND FORCE DISPARITY IN CENTRAL EUROPE. HE RECOMMENDED THAT MILITARY EXPERTS WITHIN THE AHG LOOK CLOSELY AT THE INHERENT ISSUES IN AIR AND GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL DATA. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT DISCUSSION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST OF DATA ON NON-US AND NON-SOVIET FORCES WAS PREMATURE. ON THE SUBJECT ON STABILIZING MEASURE, THE NETHERLANDS REP ASKED
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RHETORICALLY WHY STABILIZING MEASURES COULD NOT BE APPLIED TO ALL FORCES. HE NOTED THAT THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT WHICH NATO DEVELOPED DID CALL FOR APPLICATION OF STABILIZING MEASURES TO THE FORCES OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. HE SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE WEST MIGHT RE-STUDY THIS ISSUE AND RETURN TO THE CONCEPT OF HAVING STABILIZING MEASURE APPLY TO THE FORCE OF ALLPARTICIPANTS IF PRESSED ON THIS POINT BY THE EAST. THE NETHERLANDS REP NOTED THAT

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HIS CONCESSION MIGHT BE USED AS A BASIS TO GET THE
SOVIETS TO ACCEPT THE CONCEPT OF US/SOVIET REDUCTIONS
IN PHASE I. IN ANY EVENT, HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE
QUESTION OF WEDENING THE APPLICABILITY OF
STABILIZING MEASURES TO OTHER NATIONAL FORCES BE REFERRED
TO THE NAC.

20. WITH REGARD TO DATA QUESTIONS, THE UK REP STATED THAT
THE WEST NEEDED A DETAILED BREAKOUT OF ANOMALIES IN COUNTING
GROUND AND AIR FORCES FOR CONSIDERATION OF HOW TO PROCEED
ON THIS ISSUE WITH THE EAST. THE UK REP AGREED THAT
DISCUSSION OF RESOLVING THESE ANOMALIES SHOULD NOT BE
INITIATED WITH THE EAST UNLESS BASIC DATA AS TO FORCE
STRENGTHS WERE ADDRESSED FIRST. UK REP NOTED, HOWEVER,
THAT SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THAT THE SOVIETS HAD
NOW EXPRESSED A WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS DATA RELATED ISSUES.
THE UK REP STRONGLY ENCOURAGED ADDRESSAL OF DATA QUESTIONS
BY MILITARY EXPERTS WITHIN THE AHG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
HE FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT THE EAST BE TOD THAT THE
WEST HAD ALREADY PROVIDED BASIC DATA FOR NEGOTIATIONS. IT
WAS NOW UP TO THE EAST TO PROVIDE ITS VIEWS AS TO THE
ACCURACY OF THESE FIGURES.

21. THE FRG REP STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE SOVIET
OBJECTIVE IN STRESSING DATA ANOMALIES ON AIR AND GROUND
FORCES IN THE FRG HAD NOT BEEN AN ATTEMPT TO GET AIR
FORCE MANPOWER INTO THE COMMON CEILING. THE FRG REP
NOTED THAT IN FACT THE SOVIET REP HAD ASKED THAT
AGREEMENT BE REACHED ON WHAT CONSTITUTED GROUND FORCES
FOR NEGOTIATING PURPOSES. THE FRG RECOMMENDED THAT
THE WEST INDICATE INTEREST IN THE POINT BUT NOT TAKE
ACTION IN IT UNTIL AFTER THE EASTER RECESS. ON THE
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QUESTION OF CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ON THE NATO SIDE, THE FRG REP
RECOMMENDED THAT IF NECESSARY THE WESTERN REPS INDICATE
TO THE EAST THAT THESE CIVILIAN PERSONNEL INCLUDED A VAST
MAJORITY OF COOKS, BAKERS, SALES STORE PERSONNEL, ETC.,
MOST OF WHOM WERE NON-US CITIZENS, WITH NO INHERENT
MILITARY COMBAT VALUE. THE FRG FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT
IT BE POINTED OUT TO THE EASTERN REPS THAT THE WARSAW PACT
HAS AN ADVANTAGE IN THIS CONTEXT,IN THAT ALL OF ITS
BEHIND-THE-LINES SUPPORT PERSONNEL ARE SOLDIERS WITH A
DEFINITE COMBAT POTENTIAL. THE FRG REP RECOMMENDED THAT
THIS ISSUE NOT BE SURFACED UNLESS THE EAST RAISED IT
AGAIN. THE AHG CHAIRMAN ADDED THAT HE SUPPORTED THE VIEWS
OF THE FRG REP ON PERSONNEL DATA ISSUES. HE STATED
THAT THE WEST SHOULD NOW ENCOURAGE THE SOVIETS TO DEFINE
WHAT GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL ARE, FOR PURPOSES OF
NEGOTIATIONS. THE ITALIAN REP AGREED AND ASKED IF THE

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PREVIOUS DISCUSSION BY THE EAST. THE ITALIAN REP
SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE POINT OF BROADENING THE
APPLICABILITY OF STABILIZING MEASURES COULD BE REAISED
IN THE ASSESSMENT SECTION OF THE PENDING AHG REPORT TO
THE NAC AND NATIONAL CAPITALS.

24. THE NETHERLANDS REP EMPHASIZED THAT AT SOME POINT
THE POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF STABILIZING MEASURES TO THE
FORCES OF ALL PARTICIPATING NATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE DEALT
WITH, PARTICULARLY IF SUCH A MOVE WOULD OBTAIN SOVIET
AGREEMENT ON A FIRST PHASE CONSISTING OF US AND SOVIET
REDUCTIONS. HE FELT THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE STUDIED
IN DEPTH IN ADVANCE SO THAT THE WEST WOULD BE PREPARED
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TO ADDRESS IT WITH THE EAST AS REQUIRED. THE ISSUE SHOULD AT LEAST BE DRAWN TO THE ATTENTION OF THE NAC AND NATIONAL CAPITALS. THE NETHERLANDS REP STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT TRYING TO BRING THE FORCES OF ALL PARTICPATING NATIONS INTO STABILIZING MEASURES AT THIS TIME. THE US DEP REP SUGGESTED THAT THE AHG MIGHT WANT TO LIST THIS ISSUE IN THE "QUESTIONS FOR CAPITALS AND NAC" SECTION OF THE PENDING AHG REPORT AS A POTENTIAL PROBLEM, WHILE NOT MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO ITS RESOLUTION.

25. THE UK REP WONDERED IF THE QUESTION OF APPLICABILITY OF STABILIZING MEASURES TO ALL PARTICIPATING NATIONS MIGHT NOT BE CONNECTED WITH THE QUESTION OF A FORCE FREEZE IN SOVIET THINKING. IN OTHER WORDS, TO PUT A GENERAL STOP ON FORCE LEVELS AND ACTIVITIES IN A NON-CIRCUMVENTION AND THE FORCE FREEZE CONCEPT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN THE SAME CONTEXT FOR ANLYTICAL PURPOSES. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AHG ASKED THAT THE AHG DRAFTING GROUP BEGIN TO LOOK AT THESE QUESTIONS. HE NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE STATED THAT STABILIZING MEASURES SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED IN FURTHER DETAIL UNTIL ADDITIONAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE ON NEGOTIATING FORCE REDUCTIONS. BECAUSE OF THIS SOVIET POSITION, THE AHG CHAIRMAN STATED THAT HE FELT THE TIMING AS TO SURFACING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON STABILIZING MEASURES WAS UP TO THE WEST.

26. THE NETHERLANDS REP ASKED IF THE COMPOSITION OF THE NATO TEAM FOR THE NEXT INFORMAL SESSIONS WITH THE EAST HAD BEEN DECIDED. THE AHG CHAIRMAN STATED THAT THIS QUESTION WOULD BE ADDRESSED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE AHG ON 28 MARCH. HE STATED THAT THE AHG WOULD ALSO AT THAT TIME CONSIDER THAT PORTION OF THE AHG REPORT TO THE NAC AND NATIONAL CAPITALS DEALING WITH QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION DURING THE EASTER RECESS. THE AHG CHAIRMAN THEN ADJOURNED THE MEETING.HUMES

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